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Or the True
WEATHER Telling
ALMANACK,

With
INFALLIBLE PREDICTIONS,
For the Year 1770. Being the Second after Leap
Year.

C O N T A I N I N G,

A True Account of the State of the Weather both in Verse and Prose; the Like never published before: with Astrological Observations on National Affairs, respecting War and Peace, according to the Rules of ART, with various useful Informations. Also a complete Calendar of the Days of the Week and Month, with the New and full Moons, her Age and Quarters, and the Terms and Festivals throughout the Year: Commencing with a very humorous Preface, and concluding with his prophetic Predictions.

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P R E F A C E.

Courteous Readers,

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WOMEN are censorious Creatures; or else *Oliver's* Wife would never have called the Modesty of her Sister the Millener in Question for making use of a Man Midwife; For *Oliver's* Wife herself grants that Women in general without any Stain to their Reputation may be lawfully allow'd the help of a Man in getting themselves with Child; surely then (says *Norah*) Is it any more than reasonable to let them have a Man's Assistance in bringing forth, and the more especially so, Inasmuch as the latter is attended with Double the Labour and Hardship of the other, which many think so little about that they count it only a Diversion?

I'm to'd that Mrs. *Sharp* who wrote a Treatise on Midwifery, (and several Females of later date) understood the Mystery full as well as your male Surgeons, and yet it seems they neither have nor had a proportional share of the Practice, nor a Tithe of the Benefit, Therefore I here address myself to Ladies of the first Rank to be informed of their Reasons for this extraordinary partiality in favour of the men; and if they furnish me with a Satisfactory Reason I intend to solicit the House for a Licentiate's Certificate and turn man Midwife myself to as many Ladies of the first rank as are willing to pay Ten Guineas a piece, so that if I meet with but three or four of this Sort one Day with another, I may die able to bequeath thirty or forty Thousand pound to the *Lying in hospital*, and live afterwards long enough to see my Executors embezzle the whole Bulk of my Fortune, in endeavouring to make all the poor female Midwives as skilful and as honest as the Surgeons, and then I shall gain one point of introducing Honesty into the Vulgar World.

But the main point I have to struggle with is to establish downright Honesty among the *Lawyers*; And if the generality of People would be so wise as to follow my Admonition there's no manner of doubt but in a great measure it would have its Effect. The method I would have them take is this; Let 'em neither buy nor sell upon Credit; nor borrow nor lend upon any Occasion whatsoever without taking or giving undeniably safe Security. Let 'em neither play at Cards, Dice or any other Game whatsoever whereby money or other Value may be lost or won to the prejudice of the loser, without first obtaining a License, the husband from his Wife and Daughter, And the Wife &c. from the Husband; Never mortgage your Estate, nor sign a Warrant for entering up Judgment, without first giving your *Attorney* notice that there's a fair opportunity of transferring more than half the Value into the *Lawyers* pockets; And



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asto-an Act of Grace, let every Man that's indebted have such a Privilege, or otherwise let the Lawyers themselves make a Subscription for their Releasement: This may save you from considerable Expences frequently laid out in prosecutions for bad Debts. However after all my Caution I'm afraid we shall have Knaves still left behind, and in all Professions.

I was in great hopes the World would have seen some of my Brother Paddy's productions last *Christmas*, but it seems his Book-feller was afraid to venture any thing upon the Hazard, by which means *Cloyssius* took the Advantage of the Opportunity and humbugged the World with his nonsensical *Magrathery*; but, who cou'd expect more of a Cat than her Skin? your Horse must eat Oats before he can sh-- Oatmeal.

Do unto all Men as ye would have them do to you, is a most excellent Law; if the honest Lawyers observe it, so far is well; but I'm very apprehensive that more than two thirds of the Profession would sooner strip twenty Sheep of their Fleeces, than part with half a Garment to a naked Beggar; never calling to mind what the Scripture says, *He that gives to the Poor lends to the Lord*; neither can they be persuaded to consider that it is better to enter Heaven in Rags, than to go to Hell in Embroidery, especially when they take the short Cut without touching at Purgatory on the Road; tho' it would avail them little if they did, since they never carry any Money out of this World to see the Gate-keepers on the Road, and the Prayers of the Wicked can never prevail. And as there is no Sin so scandalous as that of Dishonesty and Perjury, I make no doubt but Satan takes special Care to entertain such his obedient Servants in a Cell by themselves, and to furnish them with plenty of hot Coals.

Dated at *Downpatrick*, October 20, 1769.

N. B. For the Year 1770.

The Dominical, or Sunday Letter is - - - - - G

The Golden Number - - - - - 4

And the Epact - - - - - 3

Our Judgments are in the Calendar.

Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, White Tuesday, with the other Festivals, Hollow days, Idle days and the Terms, are all set down in the Calendar, with the Weather whenever it hits.

And note, that Easter Sunday in the Old Style falls out on the 24th of April, and in the New Style the 25th of April, and yet both on one and the same Day; how can this be?

Expect in *January* (if not fair Weather)
Hail, Rain, or Wind, Snow, Frost, or all together.

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JANUARY XXXI.

1m	Circumcision.
2tu	<i>Cold where</i>
3w	<i>it freezes,</i>
4th	<i>and where</i>
5fri	<i>it snows.</i>
6sa	Epiphany.
7Su	Sun. aft. Epiph.
8m	
9tu	<i>better weather</i>
10w	<i>if it mends.</i>
11th	
12fri	<i>windy weather</i>
13sa	Hilary. <i>in</i>
14Su	<i>sundry places</i>
15m	<i>where it is</i>
16tu	<i>not calm.</i>
17w	
18th	Queen's birth D
19fr	<i>still cold</i>
20sa	Term begins.
21Su	<i>where it snows.</i>
22m	<i>warmer by</i>
23u	Term fits
24w	<i>the Fire.</i>
25th	Conv. St. Paul
26fr	<i>somewhat bluf-</i>
27sa	<i>try in the</i>
28Su	<i>Four Courts</i>
29m	
30tu	K. Charles mart.
31we	<i>at times.</i>

First Quart. 4 d. at Midnight
Full Moon 11 day at Sun set
Last Quar. 18 day at Sun set
New Moon 26 d. at Midnight

OBSERVATIONS.

This Month commences with a young Moon in her leading Strings, and a sharp Pair of Horns; a sure Prognostic that the Weather will be more favourable than when 'tis otherwise. And as touching the Influence of the Aspects over mundane Affairs, *Venus* is in *Capricorn* and *Mars* just upon quitting *Sagittary* to enter the same, and depend upon it some of the Sons of *Mars* may be fortunate enough to plant Horns upon some of the Saturnians, but then the confounded Opposition of *Sol*, *Venus* and *Mercury* with *Saturn*, don't seem to furnish them with favourable Opportunities. The Weather cold or frosty.

ADMONITION.

As it is not the Business of a Lawyer to study the Course of the Moon, never let the Picture of her appear upon any Brief whatsoever that you have Occasion to lay before Council, but if you chance to stamp it with the Picture of the Sun, always give him leave to feel it before he begins to read, because Lawyers choose to work by Weight and Measure in Term Time.

INFORMATION.

A Glass of good Liquor, and a warm Fire are now full as agreeable as stale Marimony, but as cold Weather commonly begets sharp Stomachs, take special care to have Beef and Bread, or some other equivalent, to answer the calls of the Belly.

Take care of the Law as well as Rooks, Robbers and all Kind of Sharpers this Month; for 'tis much easier to cheat a Fool out of all his Money by gaming, or an ill schemed Lawsuit, than it is to extract an Ounce of Honesty from a Knave, or of Compassion from a mercenary Lawyer.

Snow, Rain, or lousy Winds in February,
Or else the Weather's fair;—and then you're merry.

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FEBRUARY XXVIII

1 th	St. Bridget.
2 nd	Purif. V. M.
3 rd	Blase.
4 th	<i>Variable or</i>
5 th	<i>otherwise.</i>
6 th	<i>Slubbery</i>
7 th	<i>weather in</i>
8 th	<i>dirty roads.</i>
9 th	<i>Right winter</i>
10 th	<i>weather abroad,</i>
11 th	Septuages.
12 th	Term ends.
13 th	<i>much more</i>
14 th	Valentine
15 th	<i>moderate and</i>
16 th	<i>agreeable</i>
17 th	<i>within</i>
18 th	Sexagesima.
19 th	<i>doors.</i>
20 th	<i>Trying weather</i>
21 st	<i>among old</i>
22 nd	<i>horses and cows.</i>
23 rd	<i>Craving weather</i>
24 th	Mathias.
25 th	Quinquages.
26 th	<i>with hungry sheep.</i>
27 th	Shrove Tued.
28 th	Ash Wednesday

First Quart. 3 Day at Noon
Full Moon 10 D. at Cockerow
Last Quart. 17 D. at Noon
New Moon 25 D. after Sunset

OBSERVATIONS.

This Month commences with starving
Weather among the Poor, where they
can get nothing to eat. The Planets 'tis
true seem to wear a pleasant Aspect
enough, but then as the Farmers did not
observe to sow their Barley in the Moon
the last Season, they have no just Ground
to expect that the Grass should begin to
grow upon her Superficies, sooner than
heretofore; And besides as the Inhabi-
tants of this Sphere can never see the
Backside of the Moon, how can we pre-
tend to ascertain whether she be made
of green Cheese or not?

INFORMATION.

Now the Love Season begins to ap-
proach, besure be on you guard against
the blind Boy Cupid; who, because he's
blind himself, always takes sure Aim to
shoot his Dart through the Eye of his
Victim, and then it descends into his
Heart, where it remains till extracted by an
Emplastrum amabile prepared by one of a
different Sex, which frequently happens
to be tedious in the Operation, unless a
quantum satis of the aurum potabile, be al-
so applied secundum artem; and it requires
Expedition, for Lent comes on at the heel
of the Month, and then you must neither
deal in Matrimony, nor touch Flesh with-
out a Licensé.

In March, Hail, Rain or Wind ! If fair and dusty,
The Plough's at work to make the Loaf grow lusty.

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MARCH XXXI.

1 th	David.
2 nd	Hard Weather,
3 rd	if it be frosty
4 th	and cold.
5 th	
6 th	Piercing
7 th	Weather with
8 th	the hungry
9 th	
10 th	wet weather
11 th	where it rains.
12 th	Fair weather
13 th	in sundry other
14 th	places.
15 th	Now expect
16 th	
17 th	St. PATRICK
18 th	
19 th	windy weather
20 th	if it be turbu-
21 st	lent and
22 nd	rainy.
23 rd	
24 th	Better weather
25 th	Annunciation
26 th	
27 th	
28 th	or worse, just
29 th	as it happens.
30 th	
31 st	

OBSERVATIONS.

I don't observe more than two rugged Aspects in the Month of March, both which are of the Square Kind, from which I'm led to suspect there will be a considerable breaking of Squares on behalf of Spain, the Moors, Turks, Poles, Muscovites and other North and Eastern Powers ; the English and the French may do as they like ; as for my Part I am fully resolved not to fight for any Body but my own Mother and Doctor, L--- till I get my Sword ground !

INFORMATION.

Now the Spring comes in, prepare your Children for the School, and consider well which of all your Crew may be fittest for Divinity, and which for Husbandry ; for, to make a Plowman of a Priest is but a clumsy Calculation, and to hammer a Priest out of a Plowman very bad Policy. It rarely happens that a Pig's Tail makes a good Whistle, or a Bunch of Nettles a Pair of Bag-pipes, and yet young Maids sometimes find their Account in making Puppies of their Sweethearts, to prevent the Affairs of Love from becoming too serious a Matter ; and certainly this is the most proper Season in the Year for brewing March Beer, if the Malt and Hops can easily be had ; for Water may be got in the very Ditches gratis.

A QUESTION.

First Quar. 4d. at Supp. time
Full Moon 11 Day Sunset
Last Quar. 19 Day Breakfast
New Moon 27 Day Sunrise.

It is required to describe, by a Perpendicular Line, in what Part of the World NO WHERE lies ?

In milder *April* too, the Weather's various,
Or fair, or foul, or moist, and still precarious.

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A P R I L XXX.

1	Su	Sun. in Lent.
2	m	<i>Changeable Wea-</i>
3	tu	<i>ther, sometimes</i>
4	w	<i>fair and</i>
5	th	<i>sometimes</i>
6	fr	<i>otherwise,</i>
7	sa	<i>before the</i>
8	Su	Palm Sund.
9	m	Full Moon
10	tu	or after.
11	w	Alarming
12	th	weather in the
13	fr	Good Friday
14	sa	meadows.
15	Su	EASTER Sund.
16	m	Easter M.B.Cul.
17	tu	Easter Tuesday
18	w	Good spring
19	th	Weather if it
20	fr	be mild, and
21	sa	a little moist
22	Su	past Easter
23	m	now expect
24	tu	St. Mark.
25	w	something worse
26	th	if not so cool.
27	fr	somewhat noisy
28	sa	and a little
29	Su	warm by times
30	m	at the Bar.

O B S E R V A T I O N S.

Let me see ; we have one, two, three,
six, very pleasant Aspects in April ; and
four more as untoward as any of the
whole Annual Cargo ; and consequently
we shall be furnished with a great deal of
News from all the four Quarters in a very
short Time, just as Fortune happens to
favour the contending Parties, or the
Reverse, good News or bad.
Whoever pleases to read my Predictions
of *April* last concerning *Paoli*, if they find
one Word of Untruth there let 'em ne-
ver regard my Observations more. And
pray who could have pointed out the Mis-
fortunes of his late Holiness in *Italy*, with
more clearness than I ; however I wou'd
not have you mistake me for a Witch,
for you'l find upon Trial that I am one
of the greatest Enemies those Animals
have.

I N F O R M A T I O N.

About the Middle of this Month, Lent
takes leave of us, and the *Cuckow* suc-
ceeds with his uniform Song, to let you
know the Trees are beginning to grow
green ; so take care of your Nest, or else
she'll lay her Egg in it ; and whether
Horns be as plenty as Thorns are or not,
no matter what Cuckold nurses the young
One : Which notwithstanding all its
Nuric's care bids you Adieu when the
cold Weather comes, and stays some-
where or another dead or alive during the
Winter, and returns again when the warm
Weather approaches : And if any of my

First Quart. 3 Day breakfast
Full Moon 10 Day at Sunrise
Last Quar. 18 Day at Sunrise
New Moon 25 d. at dinner T.
Correspondents will ascertain the Place of
his Residence during that Time, I will
furnish him with a Plaster to cure his
Corns if they be sore.

Cool Winds and Frost are often felt in *May*,
Or else 'tis moist, or fair and Warm, by Day.

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MAY XXXI.

1	tu	(Phil. & James)
2	w	Term sits
3	th	Invent. Crois
4	fri	<i>Perhaps a little</i>
5	sa	<i>wind, fair wea-</i>
6	Su	3 past Easter
7	m	<i>ther or rain.</i>
8	tu	<i>Now expect</i>
9	w	<i>bail, rain or</i>
10	th	<i>wind, with thun-</i>
11	fri	<i>der and lightning</i>
12	sa	<i>if not otherwise</i>
13	Su	4 past. Easter
14	m	
15	tu	<i>partly fair</i>
16	w	<i>or partly</i>
17	th	<i>rain,</i>
18	fri	<i>if not all fair</i>
19	sa	
20	Su	Rogation.
21	m	<i>Fair and plea-</i>
22	tu	<i>sant in</i>
23	w	
24	th	Ascension Day.
25	fri	<i>sundry places</i>
26	sa	<i>and true</i>
27	Su	Sun. aft. Ascen.
28	m	
29	tu	K. C. II. Restor.
30	w	
31	th	<i>spring weather</i>

First Quart. 2d. at Breakf. T.
Full Moon 9 Day at Sunset
Last Quart. 17 d. at Bed-time
New Moon 25d at Cockcrow
First Quart. 31 at Dinner T.

OBSERVATIONS.

The Planets smile at one another no
less than six Times during the Circumro-
tation of the Lunar Orb, and three Times
put on as frowning a Countenance as any
Lunatic in *Swift's* Hospital. I'm very
positive the grand *Turk* stands but a dull
Chance of being elected Pope this Session;
for when ever he does he'll be for mak-
ing Laws for the Cardinals, and other
Clergy to marry, for which Reason he
may expect but few Votes in this Coun-
try; neither do I think *John W----* in-
tends to attempt any such Usurpation,
and yet 'tis evident by his mumping that
he aims at something higher than a she
Midwife or a Surgeon Barber.

INFORMATION.

This is a very proper Season to take
Physic; however if it works properly at
Home, never heed being over inquisitive
how it operates at Court; that belongs to
the Doctor's Province. The Gardens now
appear all in their Bloom, sweet and gay,
and yet we find after a little Sun the Beau-
ty all decays.----Lovers Oaths are like
Prayers, uttered in extremity by Mari-
ners, who return as soon as 'tis calm from
vowing to drinking; therefore my Girls,
if your Sweethearts be lavish in swearing
to their Protestations, never believe a
single Word they say.

This is a treacherous, invidious, be-
grudging World, and the People in it are
more so than itself: And honest Men are
so scarce, that it is rare even to see two
such Creatures together!

'Tis mostly fair and warm, or wet in *June*,
To make the Hay, and keep the Corn in *Tune*.

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JUNE XXX.

1	tr	Mizling rain,
2	sa	fair weather,
3	Su	WHIT. Sunday
4	m	K. Geo. III. born
5	tu	Whit. Tuesday
6	w	or otherwise
7	th	not so agreeable.
8	fri	Warm and
9	sa	some-what
10	Su	Trinity Sunday
11	m	Barna Term b
12	tu	windy in
13	w	the Four
14	th	Corp. Christi
15	fri	Term fits
16	sa	Dettingen
17	Su	1 past Trinity
18	m	Courts, at times.
19	tu	The spring
20	w	weather now
21	th	longest Day.
22	fri	ends, and the
23	sa	true Summer
24	Su	St. John Baptist.
25	m	weather begins,
26	tu	tho' it be hungry
27	w	weather among
28	th	the poor in
29	fri	Peter & Paul.
30	sa	many parts.

OBSERVATIONS.

If we rely upon Aspects, *Sol* and *Jupiter* are now as far asunder as their Limits will permit them; *Jupiter* and *Mars* upon amicable Terms, and *Venus* and *Mercury*, just going to separate from a private Cabal. Presently after *Venus* resents her Injuries against *Mars*, and applies to ill natured *Saturn* for Revenge. From all these Configurations *Ireland* has no less than Reason to watch *France* with a jealous Eye, and if *Great Britan* does not interfere, depend upon it the *Spaniards* will do all they can in their own favour, and if the *Turks* turn Christians upon their Defeat, the *Russians* and the *Dutch* may establish a Seminary for the Education of young Priests in *Siberia*.

INFORMATION.

The Weather now waxes warm, and sundry Women are curious enough to hide their Faces from the Sun, perhaps not more to preserve their Beauty, than to beget a greater Curiosity in their Belholders, and encrease their Appetites for discovering Secrets. However the whole Art of Witchcraft consists of various Branches, and sometimes there is a considerable difference between a Conjuror and a Witch; for a Conjuror is the Devil's Master and commands him; whereas the Witch is only his Apprentice, and must obey him.

Take care never to lie on the Ground at this Season of the Year, lest you should fall asleep and die after it.

Full Moon 8 day at Breakfast
Last Quar. 16 Day at Noon
New Moon 23d. at Breakfast
First Quart. 29d. at Midnight

July gives Warmth, fair Weather, Rain or Thunder;
If otherwise, the World may mark a Wonder!

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1	Su	Boyne 1690.
2	m	Vifat. V. M.
3	tu	Windy and
4	w	warm, fair
5	th	weather or
6	fr	otherwise
7	sa	T. a Becket
8	Su	4 past Trinity.
9	m	if there be
10	tu	any Thunder.
11	w	Somewhat
12	th	Aughrim
13	fr	cool under
14	sa	water in the
15	Su	Swithin
16	m	Mornings,
17	tu	much more
18	w	saltry and warm
19	th	with three in
20	fr	St. Margaret
21	sa	a Bed.
22	Su	6 past Trinity
23	m	Cloudy with
24	tu	Rain,
25	w	St. James.
26	th	if not fair
27	fr	and serene
28	sa	Inniskillen
29	S	7 past Trinity.
30	m	Dog days begin.
31	tu	abroad.

Full Moon 7 day at Midnight
Last Quar. 15 d. at Midnight
New Moon 22 day at Dinner
First Quar. 29 d. at breakfast

OBSERVATIONS.

This Month commences with an Aspect that will furnish half the World with News, and if the succeeding Aspect does not produce Matter enough to breed Quarrelling there will be no more Battles before the Dog-days. Let the *French* alone till they have danced their Jig out and you'll find 'em as peaceable as you please; but if the *Spaniards* offer to stir, give 'em a little Snuff and let 'em go sleep till they leave off sneezing; for they are growing very saucy.

INFORMATION.

Warmer and warmer still, and so, take no more Physic than would fatten a Goose without Advice, nor draw more Blood than you could extract out of a Sixpenny Loaf without a Surgeon. You must know that if a Taylor threads his Needle through the Eye of Industry, he may happen to go through Stitch with his Work into a new Suit of Preferment, for lazy People in all Latitudes now have a continual Itch after Idleness, and that's the way never to merit Wealth or Preferment, which a Man sometimes happens to fall into by a well tim'd Experiment.

A Paradoxical ÆNIGMA.

As a Ship was sailing to the *Canaries*, for want of Water the Crew was obliged to drink Water; but if they had had more Water they would have drank Wine?

In *August* warm and sultry, wet or dry;
An open, azure, or a clouded Sky.

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AUGUST XXXI.

1 st w	Lammas.
2 nd th	Right Lammas
3 rd tri	weather
4 th sa	Dominick
5 th su	towards the
6 th in	Transfiguration
7 th tu	latter end
8 th w	of Summer,
9 th th	
10 th fri	Lawrence
11 th sa	a Flood
12 th su	P. Wales birth
13 th in	or no Flood
14 th tu	one or the
15 th w	Assump. V. M.
16 th th	other about
17 th in	the full
18 th sa	moon.
19 th su	Now expect
20 th in	better
21 st tu	Summer Wea-
22 nd w	ther for the
23 rd th	Harvest,
24 th fri	Bartholomew.
25 th sa	than what
26 th su	11 past Trinity.
27 th in	has been
28 th tu	Augustin
29 th w	J. B. Decolated
30 th th	worse,
31 st fr	and cloudy.

OBSERVATIONS.

10 Lammas and the Dog Days; and in a
11 few Days after a Moon of the full Size
12 beginning to diminish; tho' at the same
13 time the Loaf may be in its greatest de-
14 crease, but just upon the Point of begin-
15 ning to swell again; Magistrates are not
16 always to consult an Almanack for the
17 Affize of Bread, because it seldom or ever
18 can be regulated by the Course of the
19 Moon.
20 *Jupiter* is out of Humor with *Venus*
21 upon her loving Address to *Sol*; *Mars*
22 makes his Address to *Venus* and *Saturn*
23 comes in for Snacks; and *Jupiter* himself
24 is upon better Terms with her at the set-
25 ting in of the Cold, and chides *Mercury*
26 for his surly Behaviour.

INFORMATION.

27 Now the Dog Days are come in ear-
28 nest, and if it happens to be a very dry
D Season where shall we find Water for the
1 Miller to grind our Corn? It is a prepos-
2 terous Thing for a Miller to cry out,
3 *Will you buy any Honesty.* If every Body
4 knows that he has taken Toll twice? and
5 you may easily guess that a Leg of Mut-
6 ton and Turnips would be more com-
7 fortable to a very hungry Belly than a Kiss
8 and a Kick from the prettiest Maid in the
9 Parish; for this is the Time to strip the
10 Fields to fill your Haggards and your
11 Barns, unless you know how to make Po-
tatoe bread, and cheat the Miller.

Full Moon 6 Day Cockcrow
Last Quart. 14 d. at Breakfast
New Moon 20 d. at midnight
First Quart. 28 d. Cockcrow

Still warm and dry, or else a moist *September*,
With cooling Gales:----Let Husbandmen remember.

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SEPTEMBER XXX.

11a Giles midling
2Su London burnt
3m Harvest Wea-
4tu ther in Summer.
5w cool rain,
6th or a little hail,
7fri Dog days end.
8sa Nat. V. M.
9Su 13 past Trinity.
10m a smart Wind,
11tu or calm and
12w fair for
13th several d.ys
14fri Holy rood
15sa together.
16Su 14 past Trinity.
17m some time
18tu after the Full
19w expect cool
20th breezes,
21fri St. Matthew
22sa K. Geo. 3 Coro.
23Su 15 past Trinity.
24m with rain
25tu or Hail, if the
26w Cyprian
27th weather do not
28fri continue fair.
29sa St. Michael.
30Su St. Jerome.

OBSERVATIONS.

12 Sol, Jupiter and Mars are all fallen to
13 Pieces again in a Fit of Jealousie, but
14 Mercury is very active in supporting his
15 Interest with Saturn and Jupiter as well as
16 Venus, yet Saturn retains his Resentment
17 against Venus, and waits an Opportunity
18 for Revenge: So that War or at least the
19 Rumors of War still subsist in sundry
20 Places.

INFORMATION.

21 The Sun now crosses the Equinox and
22 enters the Sign *Libra*, making the Length
23 of Day and Night equal; yet I don't ex-
24 pect it will make a true Ballance between
25 Honesty and Knavery. For some have
26 it not in their Nature to be honest;
27 others learn the Art of Knavery from the
28 Example of their Superiors: Some would
29 be honest only they dare not; some
D would be honest with good looking after;
1 some are too grand to be honest; some
2 are too cunning to be honest; some
3 are too rich to be honest, and some are
4 too poor to be honest, for Hunger breaks
5 through Stone Walls; and last of all,
6 Honesty seems quite out of Fashion; so,
7 that 'tis as good to be out of the World as
8 out of the Fashion, and therefore Honesty
9 has eloped.

10 About a Year ago we were amused with
11 the Report of a Comet that we did not
see: However now I prognosticate a
Comet in or about the Year 1775, that
may happen to be terrible both at *Rome*
and *Constantinople*.

Full Moon 5 Day at Sunrise
Last Quar. 12d. at Dinner T.
New Moon 19 day at Sunrise
First Quart. 26 day at Supper

Fair Weather, Rain and Wind, still rule *October*,
Cold soon succeeds; and then the Rams are sober!

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OCTOBER XXXI

1 m	<i>Autumn winds</i>
2 u	<i>begin to blow,</i>
3 w	
4 th	<i>with clouds of</i>
5 fr	<i>Rain, or else</i>
6 sa	<i>with Snow.</i>
7 Su	17 past Trinity.
8 m	
9 tu	Denis if
10 w	<i>not you'll</i>
11 th	<i>find the</i>
12 fri	<i>weather</i>
13 sa	Trans. Edwd.
14 Su	18 past Trinity.
15 m	<i>mild,</i>
16 tu	<i>and Birds</i>
17 w	<i>in Flocks</i>
18 th	St. Luke.
19 fri	<i>appearing</i>
20 sa	<i>wild.</i>
21 Su	<i>Now also</i>
22 m	<i>we may</i>
23 tu	Rebellion day
24 w	<i>begin to expect</i>
25 th	<i>rain or</i>
26 fri	<i>a little</i>
27 sa	<i>Snow,</i>
28 Su	Simon and Jude
29 m	
30 tu	<i>or something</i>
31 w	<i>else.</i>

OBSERVATIONS.

This Month produces many friendly Aspects, *Sol* and *Saturn*, *Sol* and *Jupiter* are upon tolerable good Terms, and *Mercury* the Plenipo very active in soliciting his Masters Interest, while *Jupiter* attracts *Venus* at an irresistible Distance, to come to a close Embrace; but *Boreas* begins to frown upon the Waves of the Main with a terrifying Aspect.

INFORMATION.

Whoever intends to brew *October Ale* should not slip this Opportunity, because they'll not meet with the like again till after Midsummer. Taylors are commonly pretty close employed in praying to their dumb God about this Time, because the cold Weather obliges all Ranks to change the covering of their earthly Mansions, but these are also obliged to be complaisant to the Golden God as well as the Taylor; for tho' he can do nothing of himself he makes Men do every Thing: Even to constitute Virtue, create Fame, procure Honour and every Thing else that can be got for Money; and if a Taylor himself be elegantly clad by its Power, and holds his Tongue, he may happen to be taken for a Gentleman!

This is the Season of the Year called the Fall of the Leaf; and Men when they drink too much Liquor are as apt to fall as the Leaves; and there are commonly more Weddings at this Season than any other: First put on a clean Smock, then to Church and marry, and then if you can't find the Way to Bed; lie down again.

Full Moon 4 Day at Supper
Last Quar. 11 Day at Supper
New Moon 18 Day at Sunset
First Quar. 26 Day at Sunset

Rain, Snow, or Wind *November* oft produces;
But, fair or foul, the *Dutch* attend their Shuices.

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NOVEMBER XXX.

1th All Saints.
2^{fri} All Souls.
3^{sa} Term begins.
4^{Su} K. William's b.
5^m Gun Powder
6^{tu} Term sits
7^w *Now more moderate or other-*
8th *wife, drying*
9^{fri} *winds or rainy*
10^{sa} Martin. weather
11^{Su} *in sundry places*
12^m *Now expect a*
13^{tu} Toole A. R.
14^w *little hail, rain*
15th
16^{fri}
17^{sa} Hugh Wind
18^{Su} 23rd past Trinity.
19^m *or Snow, unless*
20^{tu} *it happens to be*
21^w *fair and mild.*
22th Cecilia
23^{fri} *Various changes*
24^{sa} *in the weather.*
25^{Su} Catharine
26^m
27^{tu} *as often foul*
28^w Term ends.
29th *as fair.*
30^{fri} And. P. Wales

OBSERVATIONS.

This Month commences under the amicable Influence of the close connection of *Jupiter* and *Venus* last Month; and it's very probable that many more will fall into the pleasant Noose of Matrimony about this Time; than will be able to keep good Houses afterwards: For there is a fatal Variance between *Sol* and *Saturn*, and an untoward Opposition between *Mars* and *Venus* about the eighth; such will be the Consequence of this Aspect, that sundry Wives will be advertised for Elopement, and the Propagation of Plorns, but then the rumors of War from the Continent will give more uneasiness to country Justices than all the Cuckolds in the Barony.

INFORMATION.

Now comes in cold Weather, and a hot Term; many Law suits upon the Anvil, and the Lawyers brewing for their Fees: And no doubt several of them will be tempted to take double Fees. But be it known to all Honest-men, Knaves, Lawyers and others, that what ever Lawyer takes double Fees, he purchases the Fee simple of a Knave during the Term of his Life; and tho' he may imagine himself possessed of a Freehold, yet it lies in Hell where the Devil detains all the Candidates that go there to solicit for Votes, or makes 'em give undeniable Security for their Appearance when he calls for them in the House, *Mercury* squares *Saturn* in *Leo*, &c. a sure Sign of Work for the Hangman both in *France* and *Great Britain*.

Full Moon 3 d. at Breakfast
Last Quar. 20 d. at day break
New Moon 17 d. at Breakfast
First Quar. 25 Day at Noon

December ends with Rain, or Frost or Snow;
Winds roll aloft, or Calmness hangs below.

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DECEMBER XXXI.

1	a	Debating weather
2	Su	Advent Sunday
3	in	in the house
4	tu	and struggling
5	w	weather in the
6	th	Nicolas North
7	fri	Greasy weather
8	sa	Concept. V. M.
9	Su	Sun aft. Advent
10	m	among the butchers
11	tu	and Chandlers
12	w	and all sorts of
13	th	Weather here
14	tri	and there in
15	sa	other places.
16	Su	Either Hail, or
17	m	Rain, or Frost,
18	tu	or snow, or sleet,
19	w	or Wind; or
20	th	else a fit of
21	tri	St. Thomas.
22	sa	mild, fair weather
23	Su	3 after Advent
24	m	all together.
25	tu	Christ born.
26	w	St. Stephen.
27	th	St. John. a thing
28	tri	Innocents.
29	sa	not common
30	Su	at Christmas.
31	m	Sylvester.

OBSERVATIONS.

The late falling out of *Jupiter* and
Mars proves fatal to some in the North;
but then as *Sol* and *Saturn* are Friends,
it is to be hoped all the Efforts of *Tory*
Mars to *Sol* and *Mercury* can never dis-
turb the Constitution, till *Sol* and *Jupiter*
have settled the Terms of Operation for
the next Campaign, which I expect they'll
attempt to do in the hollow Days.

INFORMATION.

In our last, it was remarked we are to
have in the Year 1775, two new Moons
in *January*, two in *March*, and none at all
in *February*, the Consequence my Brother
Paddy has made a Query upon; what do
you think on't? Why, the *Jesuits* are ex-
iled, and *Honesty* has eloped from his
toilsome Servitude in these Kingdoms,
and without he has taken Shelter among
the *Turks*, you'll not readily find him ei-
ther among *Christians* or *Jews*, 'till you
serve them as the Sexton served one of
his Neighbors after he was stretched with
a Rope for stealing a Horse.

The Arabic PROPHECY.

When four new Moons in two Months
time appear,
The *Jews* expect triumphant Days are
near:
And lofty *Rome* may dread an Overthrow.
When *Turks* and *Jesuits* join to strike the
Blow!

Full Moon 2 Day at Supper
Last Quar. 9 d. at Church T.
New Moon 17 d. at cock cro.
First Quart. 25 d. at Mass T.

Author's Observations in Verse, on the 12
Months of the Year 1770.

I. **T**HE Year commences with a swelling Moon
And Horns acute, at Twilight After-noon,
From whence observe that pinching Frost and Snow
Descend at Times, or tumid Rivers flow!

In *February* various is the Weather.

War mixt with Peace, and Peace and War together.

In *March*, the *French* in crafty Schemes involv'd,
Attempt the Sea, and then return dissolv'd:
The Winds are boist'rous, and the Navy lame,
New Leagues destroy the old——and *Spaniards* dream!

In *April* read the Tory News, and blunder,
How dare these Knaves tear honest Men asunder?

In *May* prepare to furnish Camps with Faggots,
Since Flies take Wing that lately lay in Maggots!
While Concord stands aloof and Discord rules
None strive so much to fight as drunken Fools!

In *June* the Western World and *Poland* too,
Give all their Friends and Foes enough to do,
But since the Rebels now begin to fail,
Let Traitors beg their Lives or lie in jail!

For in *July* the Loaf may be so small,
That greedy *John*, and *Jack* might eat it all!

In *August* eat Potatoes when ye get them;
And, if you cannot purchase, learn to set them!
Since Riots much abound, avoid Contention,
Shun White-boys all, and Tumults of Dissention.

For in *September*, he that has no Hay,
Must either buy, or starve his Cows in *May*!

And this I know that in the Month *October*
A Man that's never drunk, perhaps is sober!

November when it ends in Frosty Weather,
Whores herd with Rogues; and Lawyers drink together.

December ends the Year; the Northern Powers
Think more of Arms than *Sylvia* thinks of Flowers!
Some Kings may dance beyond their common Bounds;
But here the Sportsman still delights in Hounds!

F I N E S S E.



